

**Hagerstown Community College**  
**MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COURSE:** HST 207 SOCIAL WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS

**CREDITS:** 3

**INSTRUCTOR:** F. Cade

**SEMESTER/YEAR:** Fall 2016

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course focuses on the generalist approach to social work practice. Students are introduced to basic social work values, ethics, and generic skills. An ecological/systems framework and problem-solving model are utilized. Using the strengths perspective, emphasis is on the assessment of individual needs.

**TEXTBOOK:** While there is not a textbook, there may be readings provided to you that you will be responsible for preparing for class discussions. Additionally, websites may also be used to help further your knowledge of our work with individuals in specific populations of need.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Recognize the varied functions and roles of the social worker.
2. Utilize the ecological systems model and the strengths perspective in our work with individuals.
3. Identify the phases of the helping process when working with individuals.
4. Know and demonstrate the importance of documentation by completing a psychosocial assessment.
5. Have exposure to client populations in the field through practicum hours to better prepare students for their future careers as social workers and professional helpers.

**GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:** (If applicable)

**Total Hours of Coursework:** To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

The following table describes the hours of classwork required for this class:

*For face-to-face class:*

<b>Assignment/Assessment</b>	<b>Clock Hours</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
In-class instruction	37.5	Time spent in class
Assigned readings & sample problems	57	Reading, note-taking, practicing sample problems, etc.
Quizzes	15	Study time plus time to complete quizzes
Exams	17	Study time plus time to complete exams
Field projects	8	Research, writing, presentation, etc.
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>134.5</b>	

**Services for Students with Disabilities:** Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at [dss@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:dss@hagerstowncc.edu) or at 240-500-2530.